

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed May 6, 2004. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 36 - 58 remain pending. In particular, Applicant has canceled claims 1 - 8, 10 - 17, 19 - 26, 28 - 30, and 32-35 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, that claims 36 - 58 have been allowed. In that claims 1 - 8, 10 - 17, 19 - 26, 28 - 30, and 32-35 have been canceled, Applicant submits that the rejections to these claims are moot.

Since it is believed that every rejection has been overcome, it is submitted that each of the claims remaining in the case is presently in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

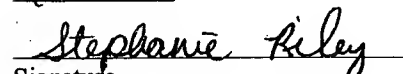
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